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'CIA Betrays Cuba, U. S.'

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A former commander-in-chief of the Cuban Air Force said in Oklahoma City Monday America's Central Intelligence Agency is importing Communist agents from Cuba.

Maj. Pedro Diaz Lanz, who participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion, said the CIA is betraying this country by sending agents into Cuba.

"They train underground fighters and send them to the island, then ask them for names of other underground fighters," Diaz said of the CIA.

"After a little while the underground fighter whose name was given is captured," he said.

Diaz Lanz, who speaks before the Oklahoma City Speakers Forum Inc., Monday night, said Cuban anti-Castro fighters now don't dare trust the CIA.

He blames the top-secret organization for sabotaging the Bay of Pigs invasion.

"Before the invasion, the

CIA was training top Communists for leading positions," he said.

"It's strange that none of the leaders were killed off."

He said he repeatedly warned the United States of the Communist infiltration before the invasion.

"The leader was a well-known Communist," he asserted. "He was Manuel Artime now of Miami, Florida."

Today anti-Castro fighters are depressed to realize the CIA brings Castro Cubans over from the island, he said.

Diaz Lanz said he landed at Oriente Province during the invasion.

"And they were waiting for us just as I predicted," he said.

Diaz Lanz said he was offered the position of chief of air force of Guatemala just before the invasion.

"But it was a bribe by the CIA you might say," he charged.

Maj. Lanz fought with Castro during his rise to power but renounced him in 1959 and came to Miami.

He testified before the senate internal security subcommittee concerning communism in Cuba and later flew over his country dropping leaflets warning about communism.

On arriving back in Miami, Maj. Lanz was jailed and threatened with extradition, he said.

"But look back at it and over at Vietnam," he says, "and tell me where the victory is and where the defeat is."

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